

## **Alpha** Natural Resources

Incoming C/007 /0004

Mary S. Wong Director of Risk Management

November 18, 2010

Ns. Angela Nance State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 1584 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Replacement Bonds

Castle Gate Mining and Plateau Mining Corporation

Enclosed please find the original bonds that have been executed through Fidelity and Deposit Insurance Company as replacements for the former bonds issued by Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company. For your reference please see below:

New Bond No.	Bond Amount	Permit No.	Old Surety Company Travelers	Old Bond No.
	\$672,000.00	C/007/004	Travelers	
	\$1,424,514.00	C/007/038	Travelers	
		Bond No. Bond Amount \$490,100.00 \$672,000.00	Bond No.         Bond Amount \$490,100.00         Permit No. C/007/004           \$672,000.00         C/007/006	Bond No.         Bond Amount \$490,100.00         Permit No. C/007/004         Company Travelers           \$672,000.00         C/007/006         Travelers

I would appreciate you reviewing and approving these bonds as soon as possible. Please return the released bonds to my attention.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 303.749.8419.

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Mary S. Wong

Director of Risk Management

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Mary S. Wong Director of Risk Management

December 7, 2010

### VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Angela Nance State of Utah - Department of Natural Resources 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Bond No. +

- Willow Creek Mine - Exhibit D and Affidavit of Qualification

Bond No.

- Star Point Mine - Exhibit D and Affidavit of Qualification

Bond No.

- Castle Gate Mine - Exhibit D and Affidavit of Qualification

Dear Ms. Nance:

I have enclosed Affidavits of Qualifications and Exhibit "D's" for each of the above referenced replacement bonds as per your email dated November 30, 2010.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 303.749.8419 or <a href="mwong@alphanr.com">mwong@alphanr.com</a>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Wong

Director of Risk Management

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## EXHIBIT "D"

Stipulation to Revise Reclamation Agreement (Federal)

Exhibit "D"
Stipulation to Revise
Reclamation Agreement
Federal

Mine Name: <u>Castle Gate Mine</u> Permit Number: <u>C/007/0004</u> Effective Date: <u>11/01/2010</u>

Bond Number:

# COAL STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT --ooOOoo--

This STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT entered into by and between the PERMITTEE and DIVISION incorporates the following revisions or changes to the RECLAMATION AGREEMENT: (Identify and Describe Revisions below)

Change in Surety Company from Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company to *Fidelity* and *Deposit Insurance Company of Maryland* (

In accordance with this STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT, the following Exhibits have been replaced by the PERMITTEE and are approved by the DIVISION.

	Replace the Reclamation Agreement in its entirety.					
	Replace Exhibit "A"- bonded area.					
	X Exhibit "B"- bonding agreement					
	Replace Exhibit "C"- liability insurance					
	The bonding amount is revised from \$ to \$  The bonding type is changed from to					
	The surface disturbance is revised from acre to	acres.				
	The expiration date is revised from to					
	The liability insurance carrier is changed from	to				
C	The amount of insurance coverage for bodily injury and property	damage is changed				
from	\$ to \$					

Exhibit "D"
Stipulation to Revise
Reclamation Agreement
Federal

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Castle Gate Holding Company the PERMITTEE has hereunto set its signature and seal this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2010.

Castle Gate Holding Company PERMITTEE

By: July Wood

Title: Vice President

ACCEPTED BY THE STATE OF UTAH this /f day of December , 20 /O.

Director,

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

NOTE:

An **Affidavit of Qualification** must be completed and attached to this form for each authorized agent or officer. Where one signs by virtue of Power or Attorney of a company, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this Agreement. If the **PERMITTEE** is a corporation, the Agreement shall be executed by its duly authorized officer.

# AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION PERMITTEE

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I, Frank J. Wood	, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and			
says that he/she is the (officer or agent) Vice I	President of Castle Gate Holding Company;			
and that he/she is duly authorized to execute a	and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said			
PERMITTEE is authorized to execute the same	ne and has complied in all respects with the laws of			
Utah in reference to commitments, undertakin	gs and obligations herein.			
Attest: Secretary of the Corporation	(Signed) Frank J. Wood – Vice President			
STATE OF VIRMINA ) ss: COUNTY OF Washington)				
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $3^{\text{Pol}}$ day of December , 20 10.				
	Notary Public			
My Commission Expires:	JESSICA CLEVINGER			
May 31 , 20 13.	Notary Public Commonwealth of Virginia My Commission Expires May 31, 2013 Commission ID# 7280424			

This bond replaces Travelers Bond No.

## Exhibit "B"- BONDING AGREEMENT SURETY BOND

Bond No.

Permit Number: C/007/004

## SURETY BOND (FEDERAL COAL) --00OO00--

THIS SURETY BOND entered into and by and between the undersigned PERMITTEE, and SURETY COMPANY, hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns unto the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DIVISION), and the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) in the penal sum of \$490.100.00

(Surety Bond Amount) for the timely performance of reclamation responsibilities of the surface disturbance described in Exhibit "A" of this RECLAMATION AGREEMENT.

This SURETY BOND shall remain in effect until all of the PERMITTEE's reclamation obligation have been met and released by the DIVISION and is conditioned upon faithful performance of all of the requirement of the Act, the applicable rules and regulations, SMCRA, the approved permit, and the DIVISION.

The SURETY will not cancel this bond at any time for any reason, including non-payment of premium or bankruptcy of the Principal during the period of liability.

The SURETY and their successors and assigns, agree to guarantee the obligation and to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the DIVISION and OSM from any and all expenses which the DIVISION and OSM may sustain as a result of the PERMITTEE's failure to comply with the condition(s) of the reclamation obligation.

The SURETY will give prompt notice to the PERMITTEE and to the DIVISION and OSM of any notice received or action alleging to insolvency or bankruptcy of the SURETY, or alleging any violations or regulatory requirement which could result in suspension or revocation of the SURETY's license.

Terms for release or adjustment of this **BOND** are as written and agreed to by the **DIVISION** and the **PERMITTEE** in the **RECLAMATION AGREEMENT** incorporated by reference herein, to which this **SURETY AGREEMENT** has been attached as Exhibit "B".

Exhibit "B"- BONDING AGREEMENT SURETY BOND	Permit Number: C/007/004
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PERMITTE this,	
	CASTLE GATE HOLDING COMPANY
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	By: Frank J. Wood Title: Vice President
	Title: Vice President
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the SURETY ha	) .  FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF
	SURETY
	By: Utulia Jassell Title: Chithia Farrell Attorney in Fact
ACCEPTED BY THE STATE OF UTAH:	JOHN R. BAZA, Director
	Division of Oil Cas & Mining

An Affidavit of Qualification must be completed and attached to this NOTE: form for each authorized agent or officer. Where one signs by virtue of Power of Attorney for a company, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this Agreement. If the PERMITTEE is a corporation, the Agreement shall be executed by it's duly authorized officer.

## Power of Attorney FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, a corporation of the State of Maryland, by DAVID S. HEWETT, Vice President, and GREGORY E. MURRAY, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Vivian CARTI, Debra A. DEMING, Cynthia FARRELL, Thomas RHATIGAN and Evangelina L. DOMINICK, all of New York, New York, EACH its true and fawful agent and Attornay in Bact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its ast and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance pathese presents shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes as in the been duty executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Baltimore, Md., in their two proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of Betty CALIDERON, Vivian CALELI, Debra A. DEMING, Cynthia FARRELL, Thomas RHATIGAN, Evangelina L. DOMINICK, dated January 163, 2009.

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seal of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 26th day of March, A.D. 2009.

ATTEST:

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND



Gregory E. Murray Assistant Secretary

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David S. Hewett

Vice President

State of Maryland City of Baltimore ss:

On this 26th day of March, A.D. 2009, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came DAVID S. HEWETT, Vice President, and GREGORY E. MURRAY, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself deposeth and saith, that they are the said officers of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and that the said Corporate Seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Maria D. Adamski

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 8, 2011

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## FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY

OF MARYLAND 3910 KESWICK ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21211-2226

### Statement of Financial Condition As Of December 31, 2009

### ASSETS

ASSETS		
Bonds	\$	156,584,995
S(OCKS		22,537,672
Cash and Short Term Investments		9,719,598
Reinsurance Recoverable	•	9,347,241
Other Accounts Receivable		51,052,264
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	<b>s</b> ¯	249,241,769
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS Reserve for Taxes and Expenses Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable Securities Lending Collateral Liability	************	76,835 58,237,612 5,511,875
TOTAL LIABILITIES		63,826,322
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Surplus as regards Policyholders		185,415,447
TOTAL	\$	249,241,769

Securities carried at \$38,385,957 in the above statement are deposited as required by law.

Securities carried on the basis prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. On the basis of December 31, 2009 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, the Company's total admitted assets would be \$247,657,513 and surplus as regards policyholders \$186,999,703.

I, DENNIS F. KERRIGAN, Corporate Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is a correct exhibit of the assets and liabilities of the said Company on the 31st day of December, 2009

Corporate Secretary

State of Illinios

City of Schaumburg

SS:

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Illinois, in the City of Schaumburg, this 15th day of-March, 2010.

MARLO G. SARABYN

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NOVEMBER 25, 2011

Notary Public

## AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION DIRECTOR --00O00--

John R. Baza, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that he is the Director for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah; and that he is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said Director is authorized to execute the same by authority of laws on behalf of the State of Utah.

John R. Baza

Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

STATE OF Utah ) ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of December 2010.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

